

A Tapestry of Head Start Families: Challenges They Face and Strengths They Possess



**Findings from FACES -
*The Head Start Family and
Child Experiences Survey***

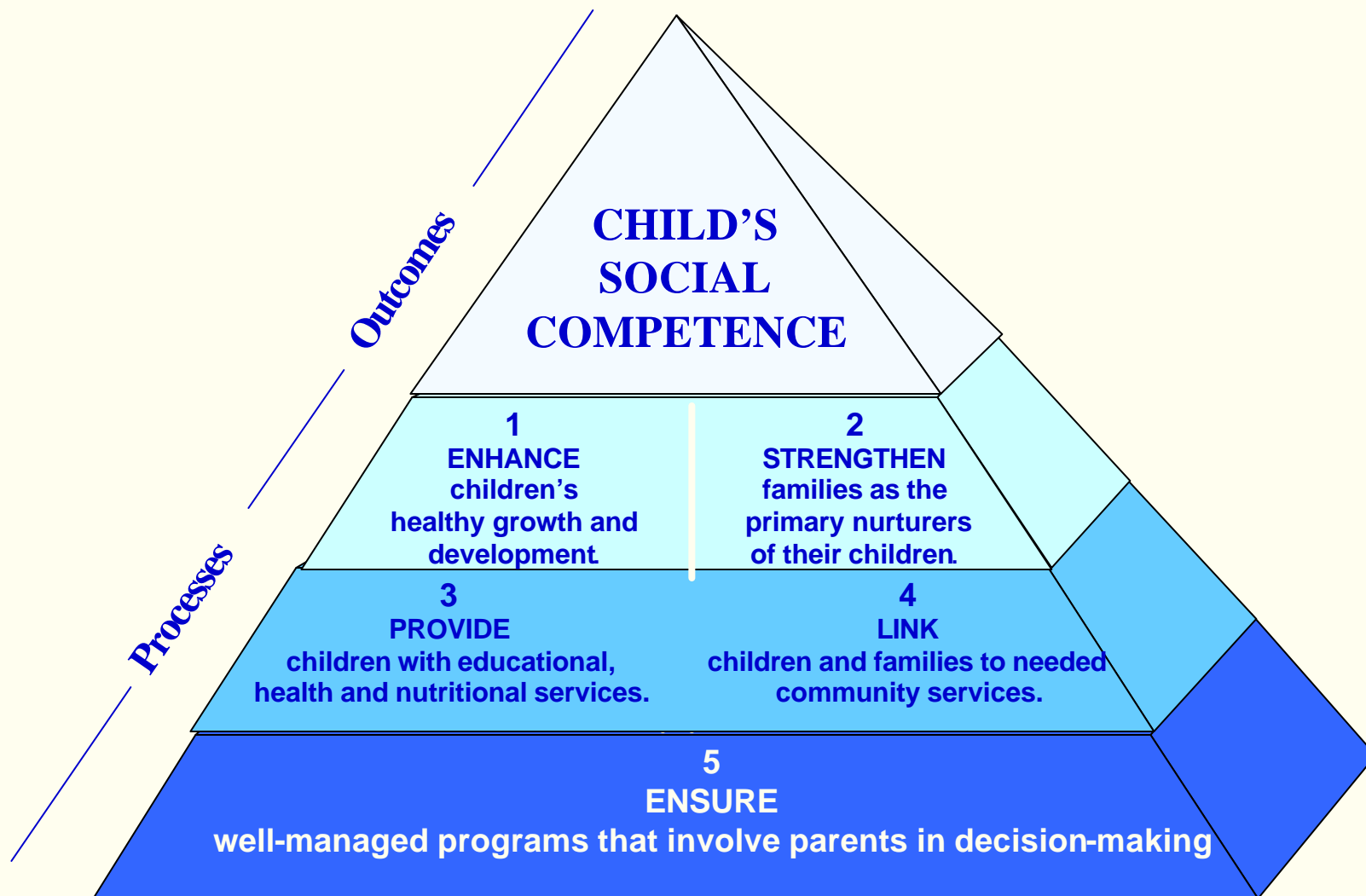
Introduction to FACES



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Head Start Program Performance Measures Conceptual Framework





The FACES 1997 Sample

- **40 Head Start Programs**
 - 403 classrooms
- **Parents**
 - **Fall 1997 – Baseline Data**
 - 3120 Parents
 - **Spring 1998**
 - 2688 Parents
- **Case Study**
 - 120 Families
- **Children and Parents**
 - **Fall 1997 to Spring 1998 Longitudinal Sample**
 - 2543 Children



The FACES 1997 Data Collection

■ Parent Interviews

- Child Characteristics
- Primary Caregiver Characteristics
- Family Characteristics
- Household Characteristics
- Neighborhood Characteristics
- Family Head Start Experiences

■ Family Case Study

- Home Visit Parent Interviews
- Telephone Interviews (monthly)
- Home & Neighborhood Observations

■ Child Assessments

- Social Behavior
- Early Literacy Skills
- Early Math Skills

■ Teacher Reports of Child Behavior

■ Staff Interviews

■ Classroom Quality Observations

■ Child Play Observations



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